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REMARKS

The Examiner has issued a Restriction Requirement requiring an election between the following allegedly patentably distinct species:

Species I. Directed to Figs. 1, 2, 4a and 5a.

Species II. Directed to Figs. 3, 4b and 5b.

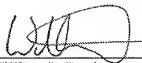
Applicant hereby elects without traverse to proceed with the prosecution of the Species II claims, namely claims 1-5, 9-17 and 19-28. Accordingly, claims 6-8 and 18 have been withdrawn from prosecution. Applicant believes that claims 1-5, 9-17 and 19-27 are generic to both species.

In view of this Election, it is respectfully submitted that an action on the merits of the elected claims is in order.

Respectfully submitted,

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